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NOTE

SEE 865d.01/119 FOR #1733FROM Italy (Kirk) DATED June 10, 1936
TO NAME 1-1127 ...

REGARDING: Establishment of schools in Italian East Africa.
Throughout the whole territory instructions will be
given in approximately 20 native languages, as well
as Italian. Special attention to be given to vocational
training for boys.

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SEE865d.01/132..... FORdespatch #1743.....

FROMItaly..... (.....Kirk.....) DATEDJune 17, 1936.....
TO NAME 1-1127 ...

REGARDING: Law on the organization and administration of Ethiopia.
Education - Italian East Africa.

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NOTE

SEE 865d.01/142 FOR Despatch #1756
FROM Italy (Kirk) DATED June 26, 1936
TO NAME 1-1127 ...

REGARDING: Education- Italian East Africa. Plan of the Minister of
Colonies foreducational system.

EDUCATION

The Minister of Colonies has just approved a plan for the organization of the educational system of Italian East Africa. It is reported that schools will be opened throughout the Empire in October next. They will be divided into two main categories, those for Italians and those for natives. In all the elementary schools for natives Italian and the local language will be taught. Emphasis will be laid on instruction in agriculture and handicraft. In Addis Ababa there will be a middle school for Europeans, and a boarding school for natives who

who will be taught to participate in local government service. A similar school will be established in Harrar for Moslems. Teachers will be selected from the Italian Colonial Service with preference given to those who took part in the Abyssinian campaign.

According to a news despatch from Asmara, the Governor, General Guzzoni, has given orders that during the next year enough elementary schools be opened to accommodate 5,000 new pupils in Eritrea. In Adua more than 300 pupils will attend the present schools. In addition, special courses will be given to native chiefs and notables.

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NOTE

SEE 8904.9111/131 FOR Report #

FROM Beirut (Kelsey) DATED August 8, 1936
TO NAME 1-1127 ...

REGARDING: Engagement by Italian authorities of seven Syrian Moslem professors to teach Arabic at Harrar.
Others will leave Syria later for Addis Ababa whence they will be sent to provincial cities as teachers.

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Teachers for Ethiopia

Seven Syrian Moslem professors embarked yesterday with

Harrar as their destination where they have been engaged by the Italian authorities to teach Arabic. A dozen more will leave later for Addis Ababa whence they will be sent to provincial cities as teachers.¹

Celebrations for Al
Mutanebbi

The week from July 24th to
29th of the Damascus Fair

was devoted to celebrating the thousandth anniversary of Al Mutanebbi, much of whose best poetry was written in Syria. Each day was occupied with lectures, meetings and at least one banquet. The Arab Academy, the Syrian University, the Municipality of Damascus and other bodies gave dinners for delegates from Egypt, Iraq and the Lebanon, with a sprinkling of European Orientalists, following an opening meeting at which the Delegate of the High Commissioner spoke. Among the speakers was Amin Rihani whose address was entitled "Mutanebbi, the Prophet of Arabism". The meetings and lectures were well attended and created great enthusiasm.²

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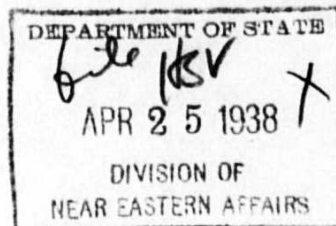
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PREPARATORY SCHOOL TO BE BUILT AT
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Naples, Italy.

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Royal decree No. 2693 dated December 23, 1937, just promulgated, authorizes the erection at Addis Abeba of a "Liceo-Ginnasio, Vittorio Emanuele III", (preparatory or high-school).

Apparently this step is in conformity with a plan to provide Italian African with educational facilities, primary and secondary, similar to those available in the Kingdom proper. Unfortunately, details as to size, equipment and proposed operation (for both natives and Italian nationals residing in Ethiopia) are not known at this time.

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